

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Official Letter dated December 13, 2004. Claims 1 through 9 and 11 through 15 have been amended. The application now includes claims 1 through 16, with claims 1, 8, 9, 11, and 13 through 15 being independent claims. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Official Letter, the Examiner rejected claims 1 through 16 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner provided specific comments concerning claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 13 through 15, and then stated that claims 1 through 16 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection. Applicants have amended claims 1 through 9 and 11 through 15 to address the Examiner's specific comments and other similar potential issues. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of claims 1 through 16.

Additionally, applicants have amended two paragraphs in the specification to correct minor typographical errors.

In view of the amendments and above remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.